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Dear Dr. Piper,

I am sorry to have been so slow in answering your letter of Jan. 10; and to be obliged to plead, even now, for some indulgence! Old people are often a great trouble, with accounts of their health; and I may have told you once, or more than once, how about ~~four~~<sup>five</sup> years ago when I had passed the age of eighty, I had a sort of stroke, which left my mind unaffected, but injured my memory badly, and ~~left me~~<sup>made</sup> physically weak. (Forgive me if I am repeating myself). The point is, that I have lately had rather a bad time with "throats", and have been unable to write much. I am writing this in bed. Well; at 85, one feels that there is not much more to come; indeed, I wish it were over.

I have to thank you for the account of your travels; and I was glad to hear of your son's success at Concord.

As to Prof. Adams's biography of Thoreau, I begin to doubt whether I shall wait! I think your suggestion as to the cause of the delay is very probable; but why does it still tarry?

Yours most sincerely, Henry S. Salt.



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